

- 22 -

## CLAIMS:

1. A package for at least one item, comprising:  
a support member upon which the item can be  
5 located;  
at least one compression member moveably  
connected or attached to the support member, said  
compression member being moveable so as to be capable of  
compressing the item when located substantially on the  
10 support or support member; and  
a cover member capable of being located around  
the compression member and item when located on the  
supporting member,  
thereby forming a package containing the item in  
15 which the cover member moves the compression member towards  
the support member so as to compress the item inside the  
package thereby reducing the size of the item and/or  
package containing the item.
- 20 2. A package for at least one item according to any  
one of the preceding claims, in which the support member is  
a blank having a planar central portion or panel for  
supporting the item.
- 25 3. A package for at least one item according to any  
one of the preceding claims, in which each compression  
member is attached to part of a lateral side of the support  
member.
- 30 4. A package for at least one item according to any  
one of the preceding claims, in which each compression  
member is hingedly connected to the support member.
5. A package for at least one item according to any  
35 one of the preceding claims, in which the support member  
and compression members are provide with complementary  
fastening elements which are releasably securable with one

- 23 -

another.

6. A package for at least one item according to claim 5, in which the complementary fastening elements  
5 comprise a tab which can be releasably secured within a slot.

7. A package for at least one item according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the cover is a  
10 flexible cover made from a film, sheet, membrane or other flexible planar element or the like.

8. A package for at least one item according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the cover is  
15 compressibly moveable.

9. A package for at least one item according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the cover member is a shrink wrap film, sheet or covering.  
20

10. A package for at least one item according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the cover completely envelops the arrangement of the item, supporting member and compression member forming a sealed package.  
25

11. A package for at least one item according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the cover member is substantially transparent.

30 12. A package for at least one item according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the item is provided with cavities, pockets, folds or similar in which air can accumulate or be trapped to resist compression of the item during packaging.

35 13. A package for at least one item according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the item are made

- 24 -

from flexible material.

14. A package for at least one item according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the item are gloves.

15. A package for at least one item according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the front or rear sides or faces or both faces or sides of the support member are provided with printing.

16. A package for at least one item according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the support member also has an attachment means for attaching the package to a hook or display means.

17. A package for at least one item according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the support or support member is provided with a display portion over which the compression member is not folded or superposed allowing the item within the package to be visible at the point of sale when the cover member is in place.

18. A package for at least one item according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the support member of the present invention is made from cardboard or similar paper or cardboard products.

19. A method of packaging at least one item, comprising the steps of:

placing at least one of the items between a supporting or support member and at least one compression member;

substantially enveloping the arrangement of the item, supporting member and compression member using a cover member; and

causing the cover member to reduce in volume, thereby forming a package in which the cover member

- 25 -

compresses the item between the compression member and the support member so as to compress the item inside the package thereby reducing the size of the item and/or package containing the item.

5

20. A method of packaging at least one item according to claim 16, using a package for at least one item according to any one of claims 1 to 15.